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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated. Please cancel claims 4, 5 and 15 without prejudice.

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

In a telephone interview on April 2, 2008 between Examiner Wong and Applicant's representative, Robert Miller, the prior art versus the claims was discussed. Specifically, the rejections of claims 1, 5, 10, 11 and 15 were discussed along with FIG. 2 and column 9 of Joch et al. Possible amendments to the claims were also discussed. Examiner Wong and Applicant's representative agreed that the claim amendments presented herewith would overcome the art of record. However, Examiner Wong indicated that he would need to do further search and consideration.

SUPPORT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in claims 4, 5 and 15 as previously presented. As such, no new matter has been introduced.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1-6 and 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Joch et al. (U.S. Patent No.

7,227,901; hereinafter Joch) has been obviated by amendment and should be withdrawn.

In contrast to Joch, the presently claimed invention (claim 1) provides a method for activating and deactivating parameter sets during decoding of a bitstream for display comprising the steps of (A) storing a first picture parameter information set associated with a first identification value and a second picture parameter information set associated with a second identification value in a computer readable storage medium, where the first and the second picture parameter information sets comprise infrequently changing picture parameter information, (B) tagging the first picture parameter information set as active in response to a reference to the first identification value in a bitstream, (C) changing the tag of the first picture parameter information set from active to inactive and tagging the second picture parameter information set as active in response to a reference to the second identification value in the bitstream and (D) tagging the second picture parameter information set as inactive and re-tagging the first picture parameter information set as active in response to a subsequent reference to the first identification value in the bitstream, where the first picture parameter information set and the second picture parameter information set are received in the bitstream prior to receiving the reference to the first identification value and the reference

to the second identification value, respectively. Claims 10 and 11 include similar limitations.

Joch does not disclose or suggest (i) changing the tag of the first picture parameter information set from active to inactive and tagging the second picture parameter information set as active in response to a reference to the second identification value in the bitstream and (ii) tagging the second picture parameter information set as inactive and re-tagging the first picture parameter information set as active in response to a subsequent reference to the first identification value in the bitstream, as presently claimed. Therefore, Joch does not disclose or suggest each and every element of the presently claimed invention, arranged as in the present claims, as required under MPEP §2131. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3, 6 and 9-14 and 16 depend, directly or indirectly, from either claim 1 or claim 11 which are believed to be allowable. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 7, 8 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Joch et al. (U.S. Patent No.

7,227,901; hereinafter Joch) in view of Yoo (U.S. Patent No. 6,999,512) is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn.

Claims 7, 8 and 17-20 depend, directly or indirectly, from either claim 1 or claim 11 which are believed to be allowable. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

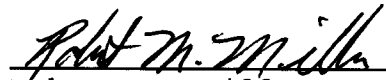
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

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